(e) Vide answer (c).

(f) The Manager is a caste-Hindu.

(g) He lives in Chalakkudi, not far from the Colony.

(h) No.

(i) The Government are not concerned with the relationship existing among the members of the Society.

(j) No answer is called for.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is not the Government a subscriber to *the Manorama* ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No, Sir.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Perhaps they might have discontinued it.

A circular regarding casual leave.

161. Mr. Poulo Mampilli. — Will the Government be pleased to state, if the Chief Medical Officer has sent a circular stating that Medical Officers should avail themselves of any casual leave only with previous sanction, and that in urgent cases reply prepaid telegrams should be sent?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

162. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state, if it is a fact that many Mofussil medical institutions are located in places where there are no Telegraph Offices?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There are some, but none which is not within easy reach of a Telegraph Office.

163. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state, if it is aware that this circular is a real hardship to Mofussil Medical Officers who cannot take even a day's casual leave on most urgent and unexpected circumstances without obtaining previous sanction?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No complaints have yet been received from Medical Officers.

164. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the modification of this circular so that in really urgent and unexpected circumstances Medical Officials, other than those at head-quarters, may avail themselves of at least 2 days' casual leave in anticipation of sanction?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Government do not consider that any modification is necessary.

165. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state who can sanction casual leave to Medical Officials when the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is out on circuit?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If there is time, the application is kept pending the Chief Medical and Sanitary

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Officer's return. In cases of applications by wire, the Chief Ministerial Officer has been instructed to grant leave when the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is on circuit.

166. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Medical Officers, subordinates to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, have to obtain his permission even before they avail themselves of any casual leave on emergent occasions of an unforeseen nature;

(b) whether such system is in vogue in any other department of State administration;

(c) whether the above practice brought into being since the advent of the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has been causing undue hardship, expense and serious trouble to the subordinates concerned;

(d) whether there was absolute necessity for the enforcement of such a practice even in hospitals where there are more than one Medical Officer;

(e) whether they would be pleased to relax the vigour of that practice at least hereafter?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) It is the general rule.

(c) The practice was in existence long before the advent of the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(d) and (e). Vide answer to question No. 164.

The pension drawn by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer from the British Government.

167. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the pension drawn by Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, from the British Government and the last grade pay drawn by him while in that service?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by giving information.

Certain T. A. drawn by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

168. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government officers, while on leave or going on private business, can inspect their subordinate offices and claim T. A. therefor;

(b) whether Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, paid a visit to the Mala

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